which must in turn receive legal sanction or through a verdict of the judiciary. Government will facilitate all attempts to find an amicable resolution of the dispute.

Census on the basis of caste

†1031. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prescribed proforma used for recent Census in the country did not contain any column for caste;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Census has not been done on the basis of caste in the country after 1952;

(c) if so, the manner in which Government ensure reservation for SC,ST and OBCs on the basis of their increased population; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct census on the basis of caste?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYAGAVIT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir, information on individual caste, tribe or race has not been collected in the censuses held after independence except for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for meeting the Constitutional requirements.

(d) No Sir.

Killing of civilians in bomb blasts in J&K

1032. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists have started targeting civilians in bomb blast attacks in Jammu and Kashmir for the last couple of months;

(b) the details of such incidents during the last three months with number of persons died and injured in attacks;

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(c) whether the group responsible for such attacks has been identified; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to nab them and thwart their evil designs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRISRI PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Terrorists have started targeting civilians and security personal in bomb blast attacks in Jammu and Kashmir for the last couple of months.

As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, during this year from 1.4.2005 to 15.7.2005, 50 incidents of Explosive/ Improvised Explosive Devices (lEDs) blasts took place, in which, 22 civilians and 15 security personnel were killed and 157 civilians alongwith 59 security personnel injured.

(c) Hizbul-Muzahideen and other likeminded groups are responsible for such attacks.

(d) Various steps have been taken in this regard, which include, special nakas and frisking of vehicles being conducted at various public places to foil the nefarious designs of terrorists.

As a result of concerted efforts, the police and other security forces combating terrorism in the State have neutralized/eliminated various commanders and other terrorists of different outfits involved in lEDs and bomb blasts.

Pak nationals in India

†1033. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani citizens staying illegally in India at present after expiry of their visa;

(b) the steps taken to send them back to Pakistan since year 2000 till date; and

(c) outcomes thereof, so far?

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